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Sir:

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U.S. Patent 4,855,762  
U.S. Patent 6,840,610  
U.S. Patent Application Publication 2005/0231572  
U.S. Patent Application Publication 2005/0270344  
U.S. Patent Application Publication 2006/0232647

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

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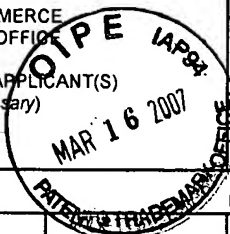
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